



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fifth Regular Session

MONDAY, September 17, 2001

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 109** offered by committee on **Children and Families**.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 217** offered by committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 263** offered by committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 269** offered by Representative Gunderson.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 01-020

Relating to supervision of precertification supervised practice of social work.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, September 13, 2001.

To committee on **Health**.

Referred on September 17, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 01-044

Relating to fire department safety and health.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, September 11, 2001.

To committee on **Labor and Workforce Development**.

Referred on September 17, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 01-060

Relating to contact lens prescription release by optometrists.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, September 14, 2001.

To committee on **Health**.

Referred on September 17, 2001.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 491

Relating to: creating definitions for common and contract carriers for sales tax and use tax purposes.

By Representative Stone.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 492

Relating to: use of educational telecommunications access program grants.

By Representatives Underheim, McCormick, Wieckert, Jensen, Staskunas, Ainsworth, Duff, Sykora, Starzyk, Lippert, Krawczyk, M. Lehman, Petrowski, Ladwig, Miller, Ott, Vrakas and Jeskewitz; cosponsored by Senators Roessler and Huelsman.

To committee on **Education Reform**.

Assembly Bill 493

Relating to: review of state agency performance and operations.

By Representatives Underheim, Krawczyk, Jensen, Kestell, Urban, Turner, Olsen, Gunderson, Stone, Musser, Gronemus, Duff, Sykora, Powers, McCormick, Petrowski, Staskunas, Jeskewitz and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Welch, Roessler and Kanavas.

To committee on **Government Operations**.

Assembly Bill 494

Relating to: limiting the authority of cities and villages to annex territory.

By Representatives Gunderson, Ladwig, Starzyk, Owens, Gronemus and Albers.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 495

Relating to: seizure of computers used in crimes against children.

By Representatives Walker, Suder, Pettis, Starzyk, Underheim, Gundrum, Vrakas, Nass, Urban, Ladwig, Townsend, Olsen, Gronemus and Coggs; cosponsored by Senators Rosenzweig, Burke, Cowles, Hansen, Huelsman, Darling and Harsdorf.

To committee on **Corrections and the Courts**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Children and Families** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 109

Relating to: surveys and questionnaires of pupils and providing a penalty.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Kestell, Lippert, Jeskewitz, Miller and Sinicki.

Noes: 2 – Representatives Bies and Grothman.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Kestell, Lippert, Grothman, Jeskewitz, Miller and Sinicki.

Noes: 1 – Representative Bies.

To committee on **Rules**.

STEVE KESTELL
Chairperson
Committee on Children and Families

The committee on **Colleges and Universities** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 320

Relating to: an education tax credit for businesses.

Passage:

Ayes: 9 – Representatives Kreibich, Townsend, Jeskewitz, Krawczyk, Rhoades, Underheim, Lassa, Balow and Berceau.

Noes: 1 – Representative Boyle.

To committee on **Rules**.

ROB KREIBICH
Chairperson
Committee on Colleges and Universities

The joint committee on **Finance** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 326

Relating to: expenditure of \$12,600 from the general fund in payment of a claim against the state made by Alan and Marlene Sieker.

Passage:

Ayes: 16 – Representatives Gard, Kaufert, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huebsch, Huber and Lassa; Senators Burke, Decker, Moore, Plache, Wirch, Robson, Darling and Rosenzweig.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 327

Relating to: expenditure of \$9,296 from moneys appropriated to the department of transportation in payment

of a claim against the state made by Robert and Dorothy Messner.

Passage:

Ayes: 14 – Representatives Gard, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huebsch, Huber and Lassa; Senators Burke, Decker, Moore, Plache, Robson, Darling and Rosenzweig.

Noes: 2 – Representative Kaufert; Senator Wirch.

To committee on **Rules**.

JOHN GARD
Assembly Chairperson
Joint committee on Finance

The committee on **Small Business and Consumer Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 475

Relating to: extended area telephone service and granting rule-making authority.

Without recommendation pursuant to s. 227.26 (2)(h) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

To **calendar**.

LORRAINE SERATTI
Chairperson
Committee on Small Business and Consumer Affairs

The committee on **State Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 217

Relating to: sales and taste samples of fruit-based intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises where manufactured or rectified.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Skindrud, Bies, Petrowski, Wood and Young.

Noes: 1 – Representative Krawczyk.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 4 – Representatives Skindrud, Bies, Petrowski and Young.

Noes: 2 – Representatives Krawczyk and Wood.

To committee on **Rules**.

RICK SKINDRUD
Chairperson
Committee on State Affairs

The committee on **Urban and Local Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 263

Relating to: special event campground permits issued by the department of health and family services and granting rule-making authority.

Assembly amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Gunderson, Starzyk, D. Meyer, Musser, Wasserman and Berceau.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gunderson, Starzyk, D. Meyer, Musser and Wasserman.
Noes: 1 – Representative Berceau.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 368

Relating to: the authority of cities, villages, towns, and counties to regulate amateur radio antennas and antenna support structures.

Passage:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gunderson, Starzyk, D. Meyer, Musser and Wasserman.
Noes: 1 – Representative Berceau.

To committee on **Rules**.

SCOTT GUNDERSON
Chairperson
Committee on Urban and Local Affairs

The committee on **Ways and Means** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 134

Relating to: the amount of the exemption from income tax withholding requirements for employees of a county fair association.

Passage:

Ayes: 12 – Representatives M. Lehman, Ainsworth, F. Lasee, Olsen, Owens, Starzyk, Sykora, Ziegelbauer, Wood, Morris–Tatum, Turner and Pocan.
Noes: 0.

Assembly Bill 439

Relating to: the liability of married persons filing a joint income tax return, the payment of the alternate fuel tax and the tobacco products tax, estate tax imposition and interest, reducing nondelinquent taxes, rounding dollar amounts to whole dollars on all tax returns, allowing a mathematical computation of sales and use taxes, extending the time for filing a tax withholding report, delivering tax–related documents and related payments, granting rule–making authority, and providing a penalty.

Assembly amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 12 – Representatives M. Lehman, Ainsworth, F. Lasee, Olsen, Owens, Starzyk, Sykora, Ziegelbauer, Wood, Morris–Tatum, Turner and Pocan.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 12 – Representatives M. Lehman, Ainsworth, F. Lasee, Olsen, Owens, Starzyk, Sykora, Ziegelbauer, Wood, Morris–Tatum, Turner and Pocan.
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 453

Relating to: sales tax on motor vehicles purchased after a consumer receives a refund under a new motor vehicle warranty.

Assembly amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 12 – Representatives M. Lehman, Ainsworth, F. Lasee, Olsen, Owens, Starzyk, Sykora, Ziegelbauer, Wood, Morris–Tatum, Turner and Pocan.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives M. Lehman, F. Lasee, Olsen, Owens, Starzyk, Sykora, Ziegelbauer, Wood, Morris–Tatum, Turner and Pocan.
Noes: 1 – Representative Ainsworth.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

MICHAEL LEHMAN
Chairperson
Committee on Ways and Means

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family
Madison

September 10, 2001

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

In accordance with sec. 1.11 (2)(j) Wis. Stats., the Department of Health and Family Services reports that it has not conducted any Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements during the reporting period of July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001.

Sincerely,
PHYLLIS J. DUBE
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 11, 2001

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

At the request of several legislators, we have completed a review of Brown County's financial condition. Concerns

about the county's financial condition were raised in late 2000, when county officials projected a \$3.9 million budget deficit for 2001 and larger deficits in subsequent years. In mid-2001, the county revised its budget estimates and projected a smaller deficit for 2002, as well as for future years. Nevertheless, Brown County is likely to face financial challenges in the future.

Brown County's total expenditures have grown by 27.1 percent from 1995 to 1999. Despite this substantial increase, its 1999 per capita expenditures have, in most cases, been typical of counties with populations over 100,000. In addition, Brown County's financial condition has been satisfactory since 1995: the county had a surplus in its general fund for four of the past six years; it has had an adequate undesignated balance in its general fund at year-end; it has a low level of outstanding debt; and its bond rating has been "Aa1," the second-highest attainable.

In 2001, Brown County's corrections expenditures are expected to increase significantly, largely as the result of the June opening of a new jail. We estimate that costs associated with housing inmates in 2001 may be as much as \$20 per day more than was spent for housing inmates in 2000, when many inmates were housed in out-of-county facilities.

Brown County provides more services than most other counties. To address the county's projected budget deficits in the future, county officials will need to either control expenditures or enhance revenues. We have identified several areas they may wish to consider.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by officials of Brown County. The county's response is Appendix 2.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor